

West Grace Street Association Candlelight Home Tour

Richmond, Virginia
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A candlelight tour of six historic and beautifully restored houses along West Grace Street in Richmond, VA. The tour also features food samples and "celebrity chefs" from local restaurants; and wine sampling from Barboursville Vineyard. The tour is from 4 – 8 p.m.

Green Statement: We are greening our event to ensure that all event wastes will not reach the landfill -- and to really "wow" our event goers! We will weigh all of our trash, recycling, and compost at the end of the event to calculate our "landfill diversion rate."



CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Events

- ☒ **Recycling.** Events must provide recycling for its participants. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to the public with clear signage. The organizers of this event pledge that they provide recycling for:
 - Glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, composting of food & other compostable items
- ☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling / composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
 - Use disposable foodservice items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials (corn, bamboo, potato starch, sugarcane, etc.)
 - Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
 - Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)
 - Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations in your area
- ☒ **Printed Materials.** Recycled-content, soy-based inks, and 2-sided copies – and quantities should be minimized whenever possible! The organizers of this event pledge that they:
 - Use electronic registration, correspondence and forms
 - Print brochures and other printed items on recycled content paper, and print all documents double-sided
 - Purchase/use paper products with 30% or higher recycled-content

☑ **Waste Reduction.** Event planners should make a general commitment to reduce the amount of waste generated by their event. The organizers of this event pledge that they:

- Track overall solid waste costs

Food service

- Arrange for the composting of food waste and other compostables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc., in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Logistics

- Encourage the use of mass-transit and/or carpooling to the event



☑ **Green Signage.** Event planners must commit to tell their participants about how green the event is. Event signage should include the Virginia Green logo and list all "green activities" practiced in the planning and operation of the event. The organizers of this event pledge that they:

- Have a link on its website to the Virginia Green Events webpage
- Have signs at the event registration which list all of its green activities
- Use the Virginia Green logo on signs and on recycling containers
- Have quantified its greening efforts and will post estimates of the reduced environmental impacts
- Posting a banner, "A Registered Virginia Green Event"

For more information on West Grace Street Association Candlelight Home Tour, see www.WestGraceStreet.com or contact Tom Griffin at Tom@GreenerResults.com or 804-986-9119.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Events** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This event has met the established "core activities" for **Green Events** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen or www.virginiagreentravel.org.



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